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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

We are senior citizens with a fixed income living in a semi-rural area in Sonoma County California. Our options for broadband service are AT&T, Comcast and Sonic. Plainly stated, Comcast became very, very unaffordable. AT&T services were not available, and I am not convinced we could have afforded such. Sonic is not only affordable, they are local entity that provides direct human contact. I cannot stress how reliable they are. In these areas, cell phone range is spotty. We need landline. Sonic is able to provide landlines services in power outages.

Why must people who have worked hard all their lives be at the mercy of big businesses? Have you tried to directly speak to a human being at AT&T or Comcast via the telephone? Will we no longer be able to keep revenue locally or line big \$\$ pockets.

We had DSL with AT&T. We continue to have excellent affordable service with Sonic.

Please allow us to continue to have some control over our lives. We do this by keeping competition alive and thriving!

Sincerely,

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